

the man who many credit with the creation of the Bill of Rights, George Mason. Working with a member of Virginia's congressional district (and future President himself) James Madison, Mason argued for the creation of amendments to the newly created U.S. Constitution to protect individual freedoms. Indeed, Mason was one of only three delegates to the Constitutional Convention to refuse to sign the new document because of his concerns that the federal government would be abusive of its authority absent a document like the Bill of Rights.

Fairfax County also played a role in another pivotal time on our Nation's history, the Civil War. The courthouse in Fairfax City served as a headquarters for the U.S. Army and the remains of several forts can still be found throughout the county today. The founder of the Red Cross, Clara Barton, treated wounded soldiers at St. Mary's Church in Fairfax Station, an experience that would eventually lead her to found that organization. While the county was largely spared from major battles (with the exception of the Battle of Ox Hill in 1862), raids and skirmishes between Union and Confederate forces were frequent and portions of the county changed hands several times over the course of the war.

Mr. Speaker, the history of Fairfax County is intimately intertwined with the history of the United States. Although the founders of this county could not have known the future that awaited their holdings, I suspect the evolution from a rural farming community to today's suburban community of over 1 million would please them greatly. Fairfax County has consistently been rated among the best places in the country in which to live, work, raise a family and start a business. Indeed, it stands as an example of a community that consistently sees beyond the years. I was proud to serve on the Board of Supervisors and have been proud to represent it in this body. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Fairfax County on this important anniversary.

#### LWCF PARITY FOR TERRITORIES AND DC ACT

**HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO**

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 31, 2017*

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to introduce the LWCF Parity for Territories and DC Act, with the support of all 6 Members of the House representing our U.S. territories and the District of Columbia as original cosponsors.

This bipartisan bill gives parity to Guam, the other territories, and DC in annual funding from the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund.

Current law requires the territories and DC to split—6 ways—a single state's annual LWCF allocation. Our bill fixes this disparity by providing a full, state-equivalent share of LWCF funding for each territory and DC, every year.

This additional funding is needed to improve public parks, outdoor sports fields, and community open spaces on Guam and the other territories, especially as Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands rebuild from recent hurricanes.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage our colleagues to cosponsor this bipartisan legislation and support LWCF parity for the territories and DC.

#### HONORING THEODORE D. YOUNG COMMUNITY CENTER 50TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 31, 2017*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an organization in my community that this year is celebrating its 50th Anniversary, the Theodore D. Young Community Center.

TDYCC has helped countless individuals throughout the entire county of Westchester, strengthening individual communities in the process.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of Lyndon B. Johnson's Community Action Program that eventually created the Fairview Greenburgh Community Center. Of the hundreds of Community Centers that were created as a result of that law, only few remain. Renamed the Theodore D. Young Community Center in 1999, it continues to be dedicated to the goals set in place so long ago, and remains a viable and necessary cornerstone of the Fairview community and beyond.

TDYCC has changed the lives of Greenburgh youth by providing wholesome, educational, and relevant programs, such as summer camps, dance classes, leadership workshops, advocacy outlets, and much more. TDYCC programming makes for more mature, self-sufficient, and culturally aware youth. Known as the hidden gem in Westchester County, it is a place that truly welcomes and serves all.

As Congressman representing parts of Greenburgh, I am extremely thankful for the work TDYCC has accomplished and the wonderful programming they do for my constituents. They are a tremendous organization and I want to congratulate their leadership team, employees, members and the public commissioners who support them on 50 tremendous years. Here's to 50 more just like it.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE MAJOR GENERAL DAVID F. WHERLEY, JR., DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA NATIONAL GUARD RETENTION AND COLLEGE ACCESS ACT

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 31, 2017*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the Major General David F. Wherley, Jr., District of Columbia National Guard Retention and College Access Act (NGRCA). This bill is named for General Wherley, former Commanding General of the D.C. National Guard, who, along with his wife, Ann, and seven others were tragically killed when Metro trains collided on the Red Line on June 22, 2009. The bill would permanently authorize funding for a program that provides grants for higher education to members of the D.C. National Guard, which is under the control of the federal, not District of Columbia, government. I renamed the bill after General Wherley because he worked tirelessly with me to get funding for the program for many years, and because of his devotion to the youth of the District and to the National Guard.

The NGRCA authorizes an education incentive program, recommended by the late Gen-

eral Wherley and his successor, Major General Errol Schwartz, to stem the troublesome loss of D.C. Guard members to other units, including National Guards in surrounding states that offer such educational benefits to their Guards. I am grateful that Congress has provided funds for the program at our request, most recently \$450,000 in fiscal year 2017. Permanently authorizing the program is necessary, however, to ensure that D.C. Guard members receive the same treatment and benefits as other National Guard members, particularly those in neighboring states that compete with the District for members and provide these higher education benefits. Today, the Guard for the nation's capital has a diminished ability to compete for regional residents if membership in the Maryland or Virginia Guards is more economically beneficial. A competitive tuition assistance program for the D.C. Guard would provide a significant and much-needed incentive to help maintain enrollment and level the field of competition. The federal government supports D.C. Guard functions and understands it should support this small benefit as well, because the appropriators have always funded the D.C. Guard program, even without authorization. However, depending on appropriations alone leaves the D.C. Guard program in a tenuous condition at odds with the tuition programs in nearby states. Because the program is not controversial, there is no reason not to permanently authorize funding for these D.C. National Guard grants.

I appreciate that the appropriators and ultimately Congress have not hesitated to fund the education benefits for the D.C. National Guard, arguing strongly for permanent authorization. These small education incentives have not only encouraged high-quality recruits, but have helped the D.C. Guard to maintain the force necessary to protect the federal presence here, including the possibility of a natural disaster or terrorist attack. I am pleased to introduce the bill based on the advice of Guard personnel, who best know what is necessary.

I urge my colleagues to support the bill.

#### CANDICE JACKSON: TESTIMONY BEFORE THE BIPARTISAN TASK FORCE TO END SEXUAL VIOLENCE

**HON. ANN M. KUSTER**

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 31, 2017*

Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following:

Thank you Co-Chairs Joyce, Kuster, Meehan, Speier and members of the Task Force for the opportunity to join you today. I'd like to thank this Task Force for your dedication to ending sexual violence in all aspects of our society. For the last six months, I've had the honor to serve as the Acting Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights at the U.S. Department of Education. We at the Department are dedicated to the mission of the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) to ensure equal access to education and to promote educational excellence throughout the nation through vigorous enforcement of civil rights.